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1. The usual search was conducted [REDACTED] at Gdynia and [REDACTED] as well, although I noted the searching party was smaller than before, the search less thorough, and crew members were permitted to remain in their living quarters during the search. [REDACTED] the east portion of which was collapsed and not usable, but no repair work seemed to be in progress. [REDACTED] several track-riding cranes of about five-ton capacity under construction on Polish Quay, and a floating crane of about 75-ton capacity is presently located in the southwest portion of Wojenny Basin #2. [REDACTED] a floating drydock of about 500-ton capacity in the northwest portion of Wojenny Basin #2 and a five-ton track-riding crane on French Quay.

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2. [REDACTED] one light cruiser-type ship tied up to the East pier of Wojenny Basin #2, with a tripod mast and no visible radar antennae which [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] on its conning tower underway from Wojenny Basin #2 to Basin #6 and was of the opinion that it was proceeding there for repairs, since appearances indicate that ship construction and repair facilities are located in that area. [REDACTED] in Gdynia and one Polish ship loading steel products at Polish Quay. I heard that small Polish merchant ships bring to Gdynia cargoes of steel products which are subsequently loaded on large Polish merchant vessels for ultimate delivery to Communist China and India.

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3. [REDACTED] construction in progress in the vicinity of the Naval Base north of the outer harbor, and excavation work on the hills in the neighborhood of the hospital at Oksywie. [REDACTED] there are shore batteries in the vicinity of Oksywie and on the hill located just north of Kamenka Gora, and although I do not know their number and caliber, I believe they may be of dual purpose construction.

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4.

[REDACTED] about six ships 10 miles northeast of Bornholm Island on a heading towards Ireland [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The characteristics of these ships were as follows:

- (a) One ship had a heavy cage mast, large single stack, double break in the deck aft of the forecastle, rounded stern, two gun housings, one forward and one aft.
- (b) Two appeared to be DE-type with very small superstructure, and two enclosed gun mounts, one forward and one aft.
- (c) Three were small ships with trawler hulls, large superstructure and no armament. [REDACTED] any flags or ensigns.

[REDACTED] five or six trawler or minesweeper-type vessels steaming in column formation on a northwesterly heading close to the coast and well inside the Medrick line. [REDACTED] any of these ships with those illustrated in Navy Sighting Guides. Polish port authorities instructed me to stay well outside the old Medrick line while steaming off Polish coasts.

5.

[REDACTED] While ashore in the city of Gdynia [REDACTED] there was a general feeling of happiness at Stalin's death, and some of the population expressed the opinion that though the situation would not necessarily improve at least a change could be expected. Local authorities were extremely strict with regard to carrying foreign or local currency ashore. [REDACTED] Gdynia after dark an extremely dangerous area for foreign seamen, since knifings and assaults on them are commonplace.

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